

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 1, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. Roll call was taken to show Councilwoman Barb Engle and Councilmen Charlie Cook, Bill Crone, Matt Dyer, and Ken Meyer were in attendance. City Attorney, Tim Baker was also present.

The Mayor asked for everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the June 17th council meeting. There were no additions or corrections offered. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Crone seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

The City Attorney explained the Purchasing Ordinance, which establishes three purchasing agencies, the Board of Public Works and Safety, Storm Water Board, and the Parks Board. The ordinance also establishes a purchasing agent, which is the Department Head. The ordinance provides rules to follow for purchasing items under \$150,000.00. In the event of an emergency, items can be purchased if it poses a threat to public health, welfare, or safety. Any purchases over \$150,000.00 are governed by Indiana law. One question was asked could a purchase be made if an item is needed before the board meets. A special meeting can be held as long as it is posted 48 hours before the meeting takes place. There were no other questions, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2008-5 on First Reading. Cook seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2008-5 on Second Reading. Cook seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2008-5 until the next Common Council meeting on July 15th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported Bond Closing for the Sewer Projects was on June 30th. Pre-Construction meeting took place on Division B & C today with Dave's Excavating and Fleming Excavating. Pre-Construction meeting for Division A Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements will be on July 21st.

The Planning Grant writer, Robert Murphy for Downtown Revitalization will have a meeting with downtown businesses on July 9th at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

Office of Community Rural Affairs will hold listening sessions to get ideas on how to develop rural areas on July 28th at 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Center.

A city resident inquired about curbside recycling and also about the property on 10th and Dayton (former site of the Decatur Casting), and also had concerns about shrubs being too high on the corner of 10th and Monroe Street causing difficulty to see traffic. The city resident was informed that the city has looked into curbside recycling, but can take recyclables to Transfer Station or on Thursday's can be taken to Recycling Center on Bellmont Road. The Mayor informed the resident the soil needs to be tested on 10th and Dayton before any development is done. The Street Commissioner will take a look at the traffic hazard on 10th and Monroe Street.

Councilman Cook reported he contacted Indiana & Michigan Power Company, and they have been trimming trees which may cause power outages in some areas.

Engle made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Engle made a motion for adjournment. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.